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YOUNG WORKER SAFETY & HEALTH EMPHASIS - 2014

SALT LAKE CITY - The youth labor force 16 to 24 year-olds, working or actively looking for work, grows sharply between April and July of each year. During these months, large numbers of high school and college students take summer jobs, and many graduates enter the labor market to begin permanent employment.

In 2012, 375 youth workers were fatally injured. Fatal work injuries involving workers less than 16 years of age nearly doubled, rising from 10 in 2011 to 19 in 2012—the highest total since 2005. Fatal work injuries in the other age groups declined in 2012.

In an effort to increase awareness of the importance of teen summer job safety, the Utah Labor Commission and Utah OSHA announce their annual “Young Worker Safety & Health Campaign.”

Each year, the Utah OSHA Consultation and Education Services Section provide two booklets designed to address some of the most frequently asked questions by young workers and their parents.

- What Hazards Should I Watch Out For?
- Could I Get Hurt Or Sick On The Job?
- What Are My Rights On The Job?
- What Are My Safety Responsibilities On The Job?
- Is It Okay To Do This Kind Of Work At My Age?
- Should I Be Working This Late Or This Long?
- What If I Have Questions About Safety On The Job?

“The Parents Guide to Youth Workers” and “The Youth Workers Guide” are both available at www.laborcommission.utah.gov

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